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**I. Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended): A receiving part [(2)] of a fluid plug-in coupling, comprising a socket housing [(10)] having a plug-in opening [(12)] for a plug part [(4)] and having a retaining device [(14)] for releasably fixing a the plugged-in plug part [(4)] in a secured position place, the retaining device [(14)] having a retaining element [(16)] which is mounted in the socket housing [(10)] and has radially elastically deformable retaining sections [(18)] for latching engagement behind a radial retaining step [(6)] of the plug part [(4)] in the secured position, and a release element [(20)] which that is secured in an axially displaceable manner relative to the socket housing [(10)] via latching means [(22)], the release element [(20)] engaging by means of an inner release section [(24)] in the plug-in opening [(12)] and, for release purposes, acting against the retaining sections [(18)] of the retaining element [(16)], which comprises the retaining sections being selectively coupled with a securing element [(26)] in such a manner that the release element [(20)] is blocked in a securing the secured position against preventing a release movement and is unblocked in an unblocking unblocked position for permitting a release movement.

2. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the securing element [(26)] and the release element [(20)] are rotatably moveable relative to each other about a coupling axis between the securing secured position and the unblocking unblocked position, in particular are rotatable about the coupling axis (28).

3. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein the release section [(24)] of the release element [(20)] is designed as a hollow cylindrical inner sleeve and the securing element [(26)] is designed as a ring coaxially surrounding the inner sleeve.

4. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the release element [(20)] has at least one securing projection [(30)] which that rests on an end surface [(32)] of the securing element [(26)] in the

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securing secured position ~~[[.]]~~ and can be guided axially through a corresponding recess ~~[[ (34) ]]~~ of the securing element ~~[[ (26) ]]~~ in the ~~unblocking~~ unblocked position.

5. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 4, wherein the end surface ~~[[ (32) ]]~~ of the securing element ~~[[ (26) ]]~~ has a wavy contour in the direction of rotation ~~[[in]]~~ such ~~a manner~~ that a bearing region for the securing projection ~~[[ (30) ]]~~ is formed in each case ~~in the region of adjacent to~~ an axially recessed wave trough ~~[[ (36) ]]~~ and the recess for passing through the securing projection ~~(30) through~~ is formed in each case in the region of an axially raised wave crest ~~[[ (38) ]]~~.

6. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the securing element ~~[[ (26) ]]~~ ~~is connected, in particular in a rotationally fixed manner, preferably latched [[.]] to the socket housing [[ (10) ]]~~.

7. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the release element ~~[[ (20) ]]~~ is indirectly secured in the socket housing ~~(10) via by at least one of the retaining element [[ (16) ]]~~ and/or ~~via and~~ the securing element ~~[[ (26) ]]~~.

8. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 7, wherein the retaining element ~~[[ (16) ]]~~ has at least one radial retaining arm ~~[[ (44) ]]~~ which ~~engages~~ is received in a retaining groove ~~[[ (46) ]]~~ formed on the outer circumference of the inner sleeve ~~[[ (24) ]]~~.

9. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the release element ~~[[ (20) ]]~~ is acted upon by a spring force ~~[[ (F) ]]~~ ~~which that~~ acts axially in ~~[[the]]~~ a release-actuating direction.

10. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 9, wherein the release element ~~[[ (20) ]]~~ has at least two axial retaining arms ~~[[ (60) ]]~~ which are resilient in the radial direction and, with outer, cone-like oblique surfaces ~~[[ (68) ]]~~.

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interact radially with an inner bearing surface [(66)] of the securing element [(26)] to produce the axial spring force [(F)].

11. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 10, wherein the bearing surface [(66)] is part of a radially inwardly pointing annular collar [(64)] of the securing element [(26)], end sides of the retaining arms [(60)] of the release element [(20)] preferably having latching lugs (62) on the end sides for securing preventing the release element [(20)] against from being pulled out, by bearing against the annular collar [(64)].

12. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim one of claims 1 to 11, which comprises further comprising an integrated blocking valve [(50)] which automatically closes in [(the)] a decoupled state and is opened by the plug part [(4)] being in a plugged in state.

13. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 12, wherein the blocking valve (50) has includes a moveable valve element [(52)] with a bearing section [(54)] for the plug part [(4)].

14. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13, wherein the bearing section [(54)] is formed and guided within the socket housing [(10)] for the purpose of guiding the plug part [(4)].

15. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13 or 14, wherein the bearing section [(54)] is of essentially hollow cylindrical design and has an expanded holder [(56)] for a free end region of the plug part [(4)].

16. (Currently Amended): The receiving part as claimed in claim 13, wherein the valve element [(52)] interacts in its closed position with a sealing arrangement [(70)] which is also provided for sealing the plugged-in plug part [(4)].